

## **REMARKS**

### ***Status of the Claims***

Claims 1-31, 34 and 35 are pending. Claim 2 is canceled without prejudice or disclaimer to the subject matter therein. Applicants reserve their right to file a continuation application to the canceled subject matter. Claims 3, 13, 14, and 26-30 stand withdrawn. No new matter is added. Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendment.

### ***Claim Objections***

The Office Action objects to claim 1 under 37 C.F.R. §1.75 as allegedly being a substantial duplicate of claim 2. Applicants have canceled claim 2, thereby rendering this objection moot.

## **CONCLUSION**

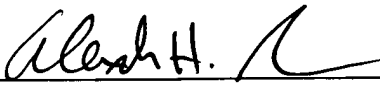
Applicants respectfully submit that claims are in condition for allowance, and such disposition is earnestly solicited. Should the Examiner believe that any issues remain after consideration of this response, the Examiner encouraged to contact the Applicants' undersigned representative to discuss and resolve such issues.

This response is being filed within the time period set forth in the Office Action (March 22, 2009, being a Sunday). Accordingly, no fees are due. Should the USPTO determine that any fees are due to enter and consider this response, however, the USPTO is hereby authorized to charge such fees to the undersigned's **Deposit Account No. 50-0206**.

Respectfully submitted,

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